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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A method for implementing telecommunication services in a telecommunications network, which comprises the steps of:

initiating a telecommunication service to be triggered in response to an event which differs from a connection setting-up request from a subscriber;

generating a virtual telephone number in a service control point after activating the telecommunication service;

signaling the virtual telephone number to a service provider, the service provider in turn indicating an occurrence of the event;

using a switching point to transmit the virtual telephone
number from the service provider to initiate the
telecommunication service after the occurrence of the event;
and

carrying out actions defined for the telecommunication service.

- 2 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the subscriber activates the telecommunication service so that the telecommunication service receives and processes the event that will initiate it.
- 3 (original): The method according to claim 2, which comprises entering additional information during activation of the telecommunication service, and the additional information is taken into account during an initiation of the telecommunications service.
- 4 (original): The method according to claim 3, wherein the additional information contains telecommunications data relating to the subscriber, and leads to a transmission of further information to the subscriber during subsequent actions by the telecommunication service.
- 5 (original): The method according to claim 1, which comprises setting up at least one communication link by the telecommunication service once the telecommunication service has been initiated.

6 (original): The method according to claim 1, wherein once the telecommunication service has been initiated, at least one telecommunication subscriber receives a notification from a data service via the telecommunication service.

7 (canceled).

8 (canceled).

9 (original): The method according to claim 1, which comprises activating the telecommunication service simultaneously by more than one telecommunications subscriber.

10 (original): The method according to claim 9, wherein after initiation of the telecommunication service, actions are carried out for all the telecommunications subscribers who have activated the telecommunication service.

Claim 11 (previously presented): An apparatus for carrying out initiation of telecommunication services, comprising:

first memory means for storing a telecommunication service;

second memory means for storing activation information relating to the telecommunication service;

execution means for carrying out the telecommunication service using the activation information and connected to said first memory means and said second memory means;

means for generating a virtual telephone number via the telecommunication service after activating the telecommunication service;

means for signaling the virtual telephone number to a service provider, the service provider in turn indicating an occurrence of an event;

a switching point for transmitting the virtual telephone number from the service provider to initiate the telecommunication service after the occurrence of the event; and

receiving means for receiving external events, in which case, after receiving an event, the telecommunication service is carried out with an aid of the activation information, said receiving means connected to said execution means.

Claim 12 (previously presented): An apparatus for carrying out initiation of telecommunication services, comprising:

a first memory unit for storing a telecommunication service;

a second memory unit for storing activation information relating to the telecommunication service;

an execution unit for carrying out the telecommunication service using the activation information and connected to said first memory unit and said second memory unit;

a switching point for transmitting a virtual telephone number from a service provider to initiate the telecommunication service after an occurrence of an event; and

a receiving unit for receiving external events, in which case, after receiving the event, the telecommunication service is carried out with an aid of the activation information, said receiving unit connected to said execution unit.

13 (currently amended): A method for implementing telecommunication services in a telecommunications network, which comprises the steps of:

activating a telecommunication service;

generating a virtual telephone number in a service control point after activating the telecommunication service;

signaling the virtual telephone number to a service provider, the service provider in turn indicating an occurrence of an event for triggering the telecommunication service, the event differing from a connection setting-up request from a subscriber;

using a switching point to transmit the virtual telephone number from the service provider to initiate the telecommunication service after the occurrence of the event; and

carrying out actions defined for the telecommunication service.